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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Fusion Proteins Incorporating Lysozyme**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,005.00 to cover:
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Respectfully submitted,

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